

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

**READING FILE.**

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IN THE MATTER OF The Application	)	
Of CONSUMERS GAS COMPANY For Au-	)	UTILITY DIVISION
thority To Increase Rates And	)	DOCKET NO. 82.7.51
Charges For Natural Gas Service.	)	INTERIM ORDER NO. 4932
	)	

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On July 6, 1982, Consumers Gas Company (CGC or Applicant) applied to this Commission for an Order authorizing an increase in the rates Applicant charges for natural gas service. The application sought authority to increase rates in order to recover all cost increases resulting from rate increases granted the Treasure State Pipe Line Company (TSP) in Docket No. 82.7.48.

2. On August 30, 1982, the Commission's Order No. 4930 in Docket No. 82.7.48 granted TSP a natural gas rate increase.

3. Order No. 4930 will result in increased purchased gas costs to Consumers Gas Company.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Consumers Gas Company is a public utility furnishing natural gas service to consumers in the State of Montana. As such it is subject to the supervision, regulation and control of this Commission, Section 69-3-102, MCA.

2. Section 69-3-304, MCA provides in part, "The Commission may in its discretion, temporarily approve increases pending a hearing or final decision."

3. If the final decision of the Commission is to disapprove

the increase granted on an interim basis, the Commission will order a rebate thereof with interest of 12.0 percent to all customers.

ORDER

THEREFORE THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Consumers Gas Company is authorized to increase its rates to recover increased gas costs for Treasure State Pipe Line as a result of the Commission's Order No. 4930, and to file tariffs and supporting cost computations.

2. Consumers Gas Company is to file revised rate schedules spreading the increased revenues to the existing customer classes on a uniform percentage basis.


3. Nothing in this interim order precludes the Commission from adopting in its final order after reviewing the entire record in this Docket a revenue requirement different from that contained in this order.

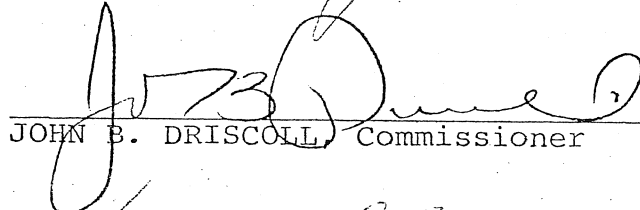
4. The interim relief granted in this order is to be effective for natural gas service rendered on and after September 1, 1982.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana, the 30th day of August, 1982, by a 4 - 0 vote.


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BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

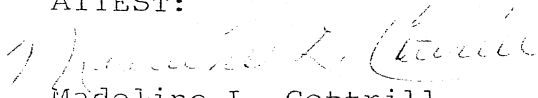
  
GORDON E. BOLLINGER, Chairman

  
JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner

  
HOWARD L. ELLIS, Commissioner

  
CLYDE JARVIS, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Madeline L. Cottrill  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: You may be entitled to judicial review of the final decision in this matter. If no Motion for Reconsideration is filed, judicial review may be obtained by filing a petition for review within thirty (30) days from the service of this order. If a Motion for Reconsideration is filed, a Commission order is final for purpose of appeal upon the entry of a ruling on that motion, or upon the passage of ten (10) days following the filing of that motion. cf. the Montana Administrative Procedure Act, esp. Sec. 2-4-702, MCA; and Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure, esp. 38.2.4806 ARM.